

Update from Mr Chapman

I would like to start our first bulletin of the new school year by welcoming all of our new students and families to Sennelager, and to Attenborough School. It's been a very busy and productive start to the new academic year across the school with lots of fantastic learning and achievement already accomplished within the first few weeks. September has flown by!

We continue to reinforce our WE CARE values in all assemblies, through daily learning and our school systems and conversations; it's also great to continue to receive the support of Padre Richard through his weekly assemblies to all students. Friday afternoon is a wonderful time in school with our whole school celebrations (Achievement assemblies), with fortnightly awarding of Kingfisher and WE CARE awards, accompanied by weekly celebration of team points, reading success, individual merit success and class attendance. Thank you to all parents who have attended these assemblies and celebrated success, it means a great deal to the students and our teaching team to share such milestone achievements with you.

After-school clubs have started (x3 afternoons each week) and are planned to continue until late November. I would like to thank all teaching and support colleagues for volunteering their time to enable us to offer a programme of additional learning experiences to our students. We really hope the students enjoy the clubs and take the opportunity to learn new skills and have fun along the way! In addition to our after-school club offer, I would like to extend my gratitude to the Attenborough Early Years team (Mrs Green, Mrs Gladman, Mrs Takala and Mrs Holden) for supporting our families with extended day care provision. It's been great to see and hear our students enjoying breakfast in school from 0800hrs and care provision after school until 1700hrs. If this interests you, please do contact Mrs Green (Early Years setting manager) for further details.



Our Global Citizenship curriculum continues to develop at a pace, through 'Leading the Way', our students have been learning all about democracy and rule of law. For KS2 classes this included a series of informative virtual tours of the UK Houses of Parliament (photographs above). In the coming weeks, the students will be preparing for School Council elections; pitching their intent statements for House Captains; proving their leadership capabilities in our Prefect programme and hopefully enjoying some educational visits too!

I would like to close my first update by again thanking all parents for supporting our brilliantly talented team in school, and for making September such a successful start to our new school year. Enjoy a peaceful and lovely weekend all!

## House competitions update

### TEAM CUP

ROWLING	EINSTEIN	FRANK	THUNBERG
214	225	254	209

### TEAM READING CUP

ROWLING	EINSTEIN	FRANK	THUNBERG
64	49	39	60

## Reading Success



Well done to all readers who have achieved reading merits this week. As a school, so far this year we have collectively read **1,161,780 words**.



### Merit success so far this year: Congratulations to...

Tadeo Baleiwasawasa, Luca Wallace and Amelie Wallace **Platinum Merit** (50 merits)

Joshua Poland, Connor Gallagher and Kate Anders **Gold Merit** (30 merits)

Hailey Holden, Ethan Roy, Rose Cunningham and Katherine Gurung **Silver Merit** (20 merits)

Erin Thomas **Bronze Merit** (10 merits)

## WE CARE - Headteacher Award Winners

Congratulations to the following students for winning our WE CARE Award

### Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September

Ryan Roy, Iris Gallagher, Ruby Hounsell and Audrina Gillham

### Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October

Archie Stokes, Georgia Needham, Collin Heiermeier and Eryn Thomas

## Kingfisher Awards

For outstanding conduct and empathy during breaktimes and lunchtimes

### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September

Sherwin Mathurin	Henry Takala	Katelyn Clarke
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Class High Attendance recognition: Well done to all classes who have awarded weekly 100% attendance certificates so far this year.

### Week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Y1/2



Y3/4



Y5/6



### Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Y3/4



Y5/6



### Week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021



Y1/2

### Key term dates

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October  
Fiji Day Celebrations

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October  
Last day of autumn (1)

Monday 25<sup>th</sup>-Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October  
Half-term holiday

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November  
First day of the autumn (2) term

Week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> November  
Parent / Teacher Discussions

Week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> November  
Last week of Autumn term after-school clubs

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December  
Last day of Autumn term (1315hrs finish)  
Mufti morning

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January  
First day of spring term (1)



**ATTENDANCE MATTERS**

This year's whole school attendance = **96%**

**WE CARE about Excellence (learning, each other and our school)**

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## Attenborough Early Years Setting

To support the community, we now offer wrap around care for children aged 0-11yrs.  
We are based in the school grounds, surrounded by the beautiful woodland of Normandy Barracks.

**We support our children to be**



**BOOK YOUR SEPTEMBER PLACE NOW!**

**New Session Times**  
Breakfast Club—0800-0830 (0-11yrs)  
Morning—0830-1200 (0-3yrs)  
Afternoon—1200-1500 (0-5yrs)  
After School Club—1500 – 1700 (0-11yrs)

Messy Open Morning  
Friday 3rd September  
9am—11am  
Bring spare clothes!!

Our monthly Online Safety Newsletter Online now through our website, SeeSaw and Facebook page is the October edition of our Online Safety Newsletter. This newsletter is published monthly and has some great tips and general information on how you can work toward providing a safer online environment for your child. Don't forget to check back issues of this useful resource – all are stored on our school website under E-Safety.



Online Safety Newsletter Oct 2021

### **Increase in weekly COVID testing reminder for all Year 2-6 parents**

There will be an increase in COVID weekly 'self-tests' in school from Monday 4th October for all children in Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 are now required to participate in x3 weekly COVID self-tests in school. This is to align our existing testing programme with the updated directive to schools in North-Rhine Westphalia and we will therefore provide self-testing opportunities in class every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The children should continue to enjoy 'exception' from community testing when visiting venues of leisure as a result of the in-school testing programme. Children in Year 1 are currently not required to participate in the self-testing programme.

### **Sustainable approach to the distribution of Attenborough Bulletin and Monthly Online Safety Newsletters**



In the summer term, our Eco Officers suggested a possible 'sustainability improvement' to the then 'Tri-Council'. The students were, and still are, keen for us to explore communicating school bulletins and newsletters in digital form only via our Seesaw platform and Facebook page as an alternative to sending paper versions home too. Paper copies of the latest bulletin and online safety newsletter will always be available for collection from our information stand located next to the main school office.



Today we said farewell and good luck to Glory and Katherine Gurung. Glory and Katherine have both been fantastic role models of our WE CARE values and we will miss them greatly as they move on to their next adventure in the UK. Both girls will be joining the Wellington Eagles School and we're confident they will be fantastic!